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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis: HOLLAND McCOMBS, Dallas correspondent for "Life" Magazine, states he contacted HUGH AYNESWORTH, Reporter for "The Dallas Morning News," June 25 or 26, 1964, concerning purchase of copy of diary of OSWALD and was referred to AYNESWORTH's wife from whom he purchased copy of diary for \$2,500. Neither AYNESWORTH nor wife revealed source of diary. Thereafter, "Life" Magazine obtained permission from MARINA OSWALD for publication of diary for \$20,000 plus one half share of all foreign sales of the issue containing the diary. Additional inquiries made at Dallas Police Department and Dallas District Attorney's Office. Disposition of film and prints in possession of Dallas Police Department and Dallas District Attorney's Office summarized. FBI Laboratory examination of material obtained from HENRY WADE, Dallas District Attorney, Dallas, Texas, and copies of OSWALD's diary obtained from "Life" Magazine established that "Life" Magazine copies made from film obtained from Dallas District Attorney's Office.

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The following are the results of a Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory examination and Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Division, examination of the following items obtained from HENRY WADE, District Attorney, Dallas, Texas:

One roll of 35 mm positive film;

One roll of 35 mm negative film;

Fifteen Xerox prints of some of the pages of OSWALD's diary.

The New York Office had furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory copies of OSWALD's diary purchased by "Life" Magazine.

Examination of these items in the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory has established that the 35 mm positive film obtained from the Dallas District Attorney's Office contains imperfections in their original state that are reproduced in the 35 mm negative film obtained from the Dallas District Attorney's Office. In addition, these imperfections from the positive film, plus some original imperfections in the negative film, are all reproduced in the Xerox prints of this film obtained from the Dallas District Attorney's Office and are also reproduced in the Xerox prints from "Life" Magazine. This shows that the "Life" Magazine copies originated from the 35 mm films from the Dallas District Attorney's Office.

The Xerox copies of the diary obtained from the Dallas District Attorney's Office and the Xerox copies obtained from "Life" Magazine were all examined for latent fingerprints. Seventeen latent fingerprints and three latent palm prints were developed on the copies from "Life" Magazine. Five latent fingerprints and four latent palm prints were developed on the copies from the Dallas District Attorney's

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Office. One of the latent fingerprints on the copies from the Dallas District Attorney's Office is identical with the left thumb print of a WILLIAM FRANKLIN ALEXANDER who may be identical with WILLIAM F. ALEXANDER, Assistant District Attorney, Dallas, Texas. The other fingerprints and palm prints have not been identified.

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